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TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 1900.

## SOUTHERN IRON.

Now that there is a flurry in the iron market it seems to us an opportune time to call attention to the wonderful development of the iron industry in the South during the past several years. The New York Commercial of Saturday last prints as a leading editorial an article signed by Joseph J. Willert, in which he shows how the iron interests of the South have prospered in spite of the evil predictions that were made by the iron experts of the North. First, he tells us, it was said that Southern pig iron, while it could be made cheaply, was of an inferior quality and fit only for cheap castings; but he adds that when the Southern man commenced to ship and sell his pig iron at Pittsburgh, and when the English and German manufacturers began to show an actual preference for the Alabama product over that of Ohio and Pennsylvania, that misrepresentation died and was gathered to its fathers.

Again, he says, it was asserted that the future of iron was steel and that steel could not be successfully made out of the Tennessee and Alabama iron for the reason that the cost of eliminating the objectionable properties in the ores and reducing the same to steel would be more than the steel would bring in the market, but the reply to this is that the Birmingham rolling mills and other like establishments, by actual experiment, have demonstrated that the best quality of steel can be profitably manufactured in the South.

Once more, he goes on, it was asserted that the Southern iron man had to pay so much higher rates for money than his Northern competitor that the advantage of his location and cheapness of raw materials were neutralized by his lack of capital, and that because of his lack of capital he could not successfully and permanently compete with the richer manufacturers of the North. "But," he replies, "successful reorganization of the Tennessee Coal and Iron Company, the Sloss-Sheffield Steel and Iron Company and other such companies, giving them an abundance of capital at a low rate of interest, has demonstrated that capital, with its keen instinct of profit, had unbounded confidence of iron in the South and was desirous of developing and utilizing its natural resources, to the mutual advantage of both lender and borrower, and so this last misrepresentation died and was gathered to its fathers."

In conclusion, he said that Birmingham is now one of the iron centres of the world, and that if the Pittsburgh district has accomplished its wonders with only the coal at its doors, the ore being 1,200 miles away, what may be expected of the Birmingham district, now in its infancy, with coal, red ores and limestone at its very doors and the fine brown ores at Anniston, only sixty miles distant?

He also calls attention to the superior transportation facilities of the South and the advantage which it has in labor.

It is an interesting coincidence that on the same day that this article appeared in the New York Commercial a conspicuously displayed editorial article appeared in the Philadelphia Record on "Pig Iron from the South." The Record may be pardoned for saying that "Pennsylvania still keeps her place far in the front," but adds that "it is evident, particularly with reference to iron manufacturing east of the Alleghenies, that it must more and more deal with the finished rather than the crude product." And then makes this significant concession: "As the South has natural advantages for the cheap output of pig iron which defy successful competition, domestic and foreign, it will hereafter be a market upon which Philadelphia will largely depend." The inference follows as a corollary. If the South can make pig iron so cheaply as to defy successful competition, domestic and foreign, it is a foregone conclusion that the South will defy competition in dealing with the finished product.

The South has a firm grasp upon the cotton manufacturing industry and the

iron industry of this country, and it is grasp will not be relaxed.

## PITTABLE INDEED.

Elsewhere we copy from the New York World in reference to the Sampson-Schley controversy one of the most remarkable statements that has appeared in print for some time, and to the true American one of the most humiliating statements that has ever appeared. Briefly told, the statement is this: The Sampson faction in the Navy Department has been making war upon Admiral Schley until in the opinion of his friends forbearance had ceased to be a virtue. One of Schley's staunchest partisans and friends is Gen. Felix Agnus, of Baltimore, owner and editor of the Baltimore American, one of the most influential Republican papers in this country. General Agnus, it is alleged, ascertained that Sampson had been convicted of irregularities in his official transactions, and that Crowninshield, head of the Bureau of Construction of the Navy Department, who is supposed to have been one of the most active fomenters of Schley's persecution, had been before a court of inquiry, in which Schley was a member, in which Court Schley had recommended that Crowninshield should be court-martialed, and that Crowninshield from that time forward had entertained the bitterest animosity against Schley. These, with Captain Mahan, who also had a grievance, controlled the Navy Department and inspired all of the contumely that has been heaped upon Schley, as it is said. It is next alleged that Agnus got together proofs of these allegations and made them up into an eight-page form of the Baltimore American. He printed, however, but one copy, and then locked up the forms for future use. He took this copy to Washington and laid it upon President McKinley's desk, and notified him that unless the persecutions of Schley ceased he would print one million copies of it and circulate it broadcast over the land, whereupon the Republicans might abandon all hope of carrying Maryland. That war upon Schley ended at once, and that Schley will be given his rightful position in the naval personnel bill, and that he will now rank Sampson two numbers, and will stand in the navy next in rank to Dewey.

It is to be remembered that the New York World is the authority for these statements, and that is almost enough to discredit any statement whatever, but in this case the World accompanies its statements with such specific and detailed items of evidence that it is almost impossible to doubt that its statements are true. For instance, the allegation against Sampson is that while Commander of the Naval Academy at Annapolis two enlisted men deposited their pay with him for safe-keeping; that he only returned them one-half of it; that he was sued by them for the remainder and judgment given against him for the amounts claimed; and the World published what purports to be certified copies of these judgments. It also publishes an interview had with General Agnus last Saturday evening, in which Agnus admits that every material allegation in the statement is true.

What is to be thought of these statements, if true, and even though they come through the medium of the World it is almost impossible to doubt that they are true? The thing is too sickening to be contemplated. It is only too evident that good natured and well meaning as Mr. McKinley is, he has yet not as much backbone as a jelly fish. There seems no question that anyone who comes along can "hold him up" at his will. He is Captain Scott's coon, who, as soon as an empty gun was pointed at him, cried: "Don't shoot; I will come down." He is a sack of salt with the salt out. The thing is too pitiful and too sickening for men who have beards on their faces to contemplate.

But, after all, it is a choice between McKinleyism and Hannamism on the one side and Bryanism on the other. Where is the true patriot to go when that is the alternative offered him? O, that the Democrats would adopt a conservative platform and nominate a real Democrat. McKinleyism and Bryanism would both be swept off of the face of the earth.

## A DANVILLE COMBINE.

The Danville Register announces that it has absorbed the Daily Bee, an afternoon paper which has been published in that city for some time past by Mr. Al. Fairbrother, and also the Farrago, the weekly edition of the Bee. The Farrago will be absorbed by the semi-weekly edition of the Register, and the Bee will be published after May 1st as the afternoon edition of the Daily Register.

In explanation of this new deal the Register says:

With rent account one-half less, and cost and maintenance of one plant instead of two, one corps of solicitors to pursue the circulation of both papers, the saving in these items alone will be material, and both papers at less expense can be made better, and in this instance will be.

The Register, appreciating these advantages, decided at an early day to launch a new afternoon paper, but the opportunity to secure one already established presented itself; the Register accepted the offer.

It has been said that Danville is a "veritable cemetery of afternoon papers." Prior to the establishment of the Bee no less than six have started, striven and stranded, because an afternoon paper in this size, with an established morning competitor, cannot succeed. It must have the assistance of a morning contemporary instead of its opposition.

This announcement has a peculiar interest for The Times, because our esteemed Danville contemporary has frequently taken occasion to disagree with us in our presentation of the question of trusts and "combines," and we have never seen a better illustration of the principle, which we have from time to time exploited in these columns, as governing trade and industry in this progressive age of steam and electricity, than that which is furnished by the Register.

Competition is war, war to the knife, and too frequently degenerates into what is popularly termed cut-throat competition. Competition is war, but co-operation is peace, and in this day of intelligent methods men in the same branch of business, instead of making war upon one another and ruining one another's trade, have in many instances pooled their resources, as the saying goes, and worked together to their mutual advantage, forming what is popularly called a trust.

That is the whole trust question in a

## UPHELD BY THE COURTS.

CHICAGO, April 17.—The case of Mr. Samuel Hutchinson, the druggist, who was recently arrested for selling Malt Liqueur without a license, came up before Judge Gary today. The druggist sold Malt-Nutrine, a malt extract prepared by the Anheuser-Busch Brewing Association, of St. Louis, Mo. After listening to the evidence of expert chemists, who testified that it contained only 1-50th of one per cent of alcohol, Judge Gary decided that Malt-Nutrine is not an intoxicant, and dismissed the case.

nutshell, and that is the keynote of the business combine of the future. Politicians may prate about trusts and political parties may talk about anti-trust laws and all that, but this sort of co-operation will increase as our civilization comes nearer and nearer to the perfection mark. The grinding, autocratic, monopolistic, extortionate trust is a creature of the imagination, for if any one thing has been demonstrated in trade it is that in order to succeed a trust must always be on its good behavior, must get the good will of the people, and in order to this it must give to the people the best article at the lowest price.

Asking pardon, we take the case of the Danville Register as an illustration. There were two newspapers in that live city conducted under separate managements, and as rivals in business there was, no doubt, rate-cutting from time to time in advertising. But, as the Register itself well says, the two papers can be more economically conducted under one management, and after May 1st the Register will have control of the newspaper field in Danville. The Register will now be in a better position than either of the two papers had hitherto been to give the people of Danville as good a morning paper and as good an evening paper as the city will support, and as a business proposition it is clearly to the interest of the Register to follow that course, as we have no doubt it will do. The Register will charge a living rate for subscriptions and advertising, but it will not be so unwise as to try a game of extortion, simply because it has a monopoly.

That is the case with every combination such as is announced from Danville. That is the condition that every combination in trade has to confront. If the trade combine makes itself popular with the people it will flourish; if it makes itself unpopular with the people some other candidate for popular favor and trade will undoubtedly spring up.

The Richmond Times surprised and startled its readers Sunday morning with a picture of Senator Daniel. Wonderful! Wonderful!—Newport News Herald.

Quite so, Daniel is a wonderful man and it does the people of Virginia good to look upon the likeness of his many face. A Virginia newspaper makes no mistake in printing semi-occasionally a picture of Senator Daniel.

## CURRENT TOPICS.

The Atlanta Journal prints the following in its editorial columns:

A Great Southern Road. The South has a great railroad system being formed so quickly as has the Seaboard Air Line.

"Within a few months it has grown from a single line extending from Atlanta to Portsmouth into one of the largest railroad systems in this section. Its lines extend from Richmond to Tampa and will soon reach Washington."

"Moreover, every one of these lines passes through a fine region and one that is rapidly developing."

"The Greater Seaboard Air Line will be a powerful factor in the development of the South, and Georgia will not be the least of its beneficiaries."

"Mr. John Skelton Williams, the founder of this system and its president, has proved himself one of the ablest and boldest financiers in the South. He has yet a young man, but he is one to be reckoned with the railroad world."

"The Seaboard is a great Southern institution, and its wonderful development in so short a time is a tribute both to the skill of President Williams and the progress of the South."

The Times has more than once of late called attention to the wonderful development in the coal industry.

According to returns representing between 80 and 90 per cent of the total tonnage, the production of coal in the United States in 1899 is estimated by Edward W. Parker, statistician of the United States Geological Survey, to have amounted to 230,838,373 long tons, equivalent to 258,539,659 short tons. As compared with the production in 1898, when the product amounted to 194,455,353 long tons, or 219,574,057 short tons, this indicates an increase of over 36,000,000 long tons, or 17.5 per cent.

The total value of this enormous product is estimated at \$236,435,412, an increase of over \$51,000,000, or practically 20 per cent, over the value of the product in 1898.

The part that anthracite coal played in this unprecedented production was as follows: In 1898, 47,663,075 long tons, or 53,382,641 short tons, in 1899, 53,537,486 long tons, or 61,395,383 short tons, with an increase in value from \$75,417,357 to \$88,125,409, a gain of nearly \$13,000,000.

The States producing the largest number of short tons were as follows: Alabama, 1,328,338; Illinois, 1,200,000; Kentucky, 1,100,000; Iowa, 5,205,480; Kentucky, 5,100,000; Maryland, 5,316,263; Ohio, 16,679,880; Pennsylvania, 7,531,554; West Virginia, 18,755,222.

But this is only the beginning of greater things. The demand from across the Atlantic is growing all the time, and our foreign trade in coal will hereafter keep pace with our foreign trade in other commodities.

## AFTERMATH.

According to a statement sent out from Kenosha, Wis., 2,000 Americans have embraced Mohammedanism since the Congress of Religions at the World's Fair in Chicago led Turkish missionaries to un-

derstand the task of seeking converts in the United States.

It is said that President McKinley, in conversation at Paterson, N. J., the other day, expressed himself in favor of the selection of young men for places of responsibility in Porto Rico and the Philippines, reasoning that elderly men would not be able so easily to adapt themselves to the new conditions, and would not be able to give long service after they had acquired experience.

Germany has recently enacted a marriage law which requires that "every man desiring to be married in Germany shall present to the special magistrate, by whom alone marriages can be solemnized, a certificate by the proper authorities of his native or home State to the effect that the authorities know no just cause exists why the marriage should not take place."

This requirement applies to persons of every nationality, and when a male citizen of the United States desires to marry in Germany, he will be confronted with the difficulty that no court or tribunal in the United States maintains a personal supervision over American citizens as to their domestic relations, and will not give the necessary certificate.

The Baltimore papers note the death of Mr. Richard T. Waters, one of the most prominent and popular citizens of that city.

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Aside from the innocent sport the demonstration of the abilities of the hounds would have a beneficial deterrent effect on the criminal and the lawless.

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Let those who have enough backbone to defy critics join me in securing a pack of bloodhounds, and I will engage to take an ordinary riding-whip and allow those so-called "ferocious" dogs to catch me in an open field. As I am a farmer, hunter and horseman, I am prepared to stand my own ground and turn out the course, I may add that at no time has Mr. Harry Davis seen any danger in his venture, nor would it have deterred him if he had.

In addition, I wish also to thank you for your very temperate and accurate editorial and news statements of the event as reported.

I had nothing to do with the origination of the affair nor with the abandonment of it, but am glad to see it for it, and will furnish the course and venture my carcass to see it consummated.

ANDERSON COTTE PLANTON.  
"Roanoke Farm," April 23, 1900.

ASTORE GIVES AWAY ARCH BUSTONS AND BATS AND BALLES.

A unique feature in advertising has been recently adopted by a Richmond store in presenting each purchaser of Boys' Clothing with a Carnival Arch League card, and enrolling the youngsters' names in membership books. As a further inducement to the little fellows their names are published in the Evening Leader the following day as members of the Carnival Arch League. This enterprising concern is the Meyer Store, corner Poushe and Broad Streets, and their ingenious method of advertising is beneficial alike to both the Arch League and themselves, inasmuch as it secures the good will of the youngsters whose sporting proclivities overcome their patriotism; to such they give a fine baseball and bat. The offer will hold good throughout this week, but in the Boys' Clothing Store only.

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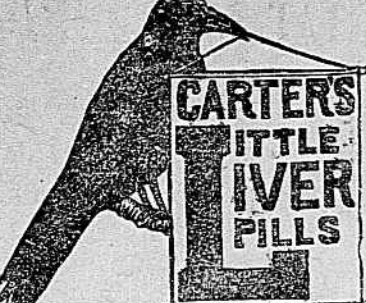
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## FRESH GOSSIP

FROM GOTHAM

Strange Case of a Young Man Who  
Lost Himself.

BIG LOSSES FROM FIRE.

Mayor Van Wyck and the Ecumenical Council—Madison Square Garden Doesn't Pay and the City May Lose It.

NEW YORK, April 23.—Special.—The case of George Ridderband, nineteen years of age, son of the late J. Solis Ridderband, a well known lawyer, is one of the strangest ever reported in this city of strange occurrences. Five days ago the young man disappeared from home and began to wander around. He forgot his name, forgot everything concerning himself, and did not know that he was in New York, although this has been his home from the time of his birth. Yesterday morning he went to the Mercer Street police station and asked the officer in charge if he could tell him who he was and where he was. The officer assured him that he was in New York, but the young man replied that it was all strange to him and that he had never before seen the city. The police had been instructed to look out for a lad answering to Ridderband's description and the officer took him to his fashionable home near Central Park. Mrs. Ridderband came to the door and recognizing her son fell in a faint. Then the sisters came and then the arms around the young man but he declared that he did not know them. Physicians were called in and they prescribed narcotics, but at last accounts it was reported that the patient exhibited no improvement. Ridderband is a well known musician and once before he left home while asleep.

FIRE LOSSES. The report of the fire marshal shows that fire losses in New York last year were nearly double those of the year before.

The number of fires increased nearly a third from 4,299 to 5,303; the increase from \$1,155,191 to \$7,155,191, was in part due to three great fires—the Windsor Hotel, \$1,500,000; the Home Life Building and the adjacent house, \$700,000; and the Campbell factory, in East Twenty-fourth Street, \$500,000.

Swinging gas jets and electric wires are mentioned as frequent causes of fires, and the Fire Marshal recommends the rigid enforcement of the law prohibiting the use of the first. He asks for an expert to inspect for his bureau, and recommends that all persons handling electric light appliances be compelled to take out licenses and that all openings for wires be made fireproof.

About three hundred pupils in New York were occupied Sunday by distinguished delegates to the Ecumenical Council, the call being especially for the delegates from foreign lands and the best known missionaries in distant countries.

DR. STORRS' SUCCESS. An interesting incident in the religious world was the preaching on Sunday in the Church of the Pilgrims, Brooklyn, by Dr. H. P. Dewey, of Concord,